

Meeting Minutes for the Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association  
December 13, 2011 - 7:00 pm  
Antioch Christian Fellowship - 10558 SW 35<sup>th</sup> (upper level)

**Present:** Nancy Hand (Chairperson & Public Safety), Sharon Keast (Secretary & Communications), Sarah Kreisman (Friends of Tryon Creek), Sue Randall and Portland Police Officer Andrew Caspar

**Motions**

- Sue motioned to approve minutes of last meeting, November 8, 2011. Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.

**Neighborhood Police Report** (Officer Caspar) There was a home burglary off of Boones Ferry Road, between Palatine and Arnold. There have been similar burglaries in other southwest neighborhoods. The burglar takes jewelry and leaves behind other valuable items like electronics and tools.

**Neighborhood Emergency Team** (Laurie Washburn not present) Nancy reported that the NET training programs are no longer lead by the Portland Office of Emergency Management. Portland Fire & Rescue will now administer the training.

**Boones Ferry / Stephenson Intersection** (Nancy) Portland Bureau of Transportation Project Manager, Liz Mahon called Nancy and reported that the following options are not viable: speed bumps, putting a road on the city-owned property between Stephenson and Boones Ferry, a roundabout or a stoplight. Liz suggested the only feasible option is to move the intersection south and notified Nancy that Arnold Creek will lose the budgeted money if the neighborhood does not make a decision by the end of this fiscal year. The owners of property south of the intersection built their home based on information from the city that the intersection would be moved north. If the intersection were now moved south, it would be too close to their house. The crest of the hill is north of the intersection and therefore should have the best sight line in both directions. The group would like to add moving the intersection north as an option. Those at the meeting felt there were not enough residents present to make a decision and that an all-household mailing, requesting neighborhood input, be devised at the January Arnold Creek meeting. Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) will fund the mailing.

**Communications** (Sharon) SWNI will have two new half-time employees starting in January. One will work on communications and the other general office support.

**Friends of Tryon Creek** (Sarah) Sarah provided an overview of park offerings. Oregon Parks & Recs owns a log cabin that was donated by the Parks Family. Nancy mentioned that the Parks family was hoping it was being maintained since it appears nothing has been done with it.

**House demolition on 34th** (Nancy) A neighbor emailed Nancy to relay that he contacted the city to inquire about safety of the demolition and was told the state (DEQ) regulates demolition hazards, not the city. Nancy called Jim Bartroff, the neighbor that requested Nancy to write a letter to the city expressing neighbors' concerns about demolition hazards. They agreed Nancy should call DEQ instead of writing a letter to the city. The DEQ reported that there was an oil tank leak on the property last summer and DEQ tested the ground and found it is contaminated. The construction company doing the demolition, Micah Day claimed to have tested the soil and it was OK. The DEQ inspector will go to the house to test for lead and asbestos and will call the city to co-ordinate. The septic tank will also be inspected.

**Swales on Stephenson** (Nancy) SWNI Program Manager, Leonard Gard and the city have offered to bring maps of the proposed swales on Stephenson to the Arnold Creek meeting. All were in favor of having them at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:22 pm  
Minutes submitted by Sharon Keast, Secretary  
Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association